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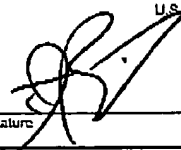
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AMENDMENT A

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated October 11, 2005. Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 10 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet containing Fig. 5 and new Fig. 6.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.

**An Appendix** including new Fig. 6 is attached following page 14 of this paper.